

2009 White-nose Syndrome Symposium Agenda

August 11-13, 2009, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Location: Omni William Penn Hotel
530 William Penn Place
Pittsburgh, PA 15219
412-281-7100
Main conference room: Frick
Break-out rooms: Phipps and Oliver

Lead Facilitator: Marci Caplis

* Those new to the WNS investigation should visit the USFWS WNS website (http://www.fws.gov/northeast/white_nose.html) to view archived web conference materials prior to attending the meeting to acquire background information and overview of WNS work to date. (See: <http://www.fws.gov/northeast/whitenose/wnsNIMBioSWorkshopJune2009.html>)

Goal of the symposium: To advance WNS research and management through communication facilitated discussion, and collaboration.

Objectives:

1. To update the WNS community on current research and management being conducted and planned.
2. To develop the framework for a surveillance plan for WNS.
3. To identify new strategies and improve existing plans for WNS management, research and outreach.
4. To expand participation and collaboration, especially with those researchers/biologists working in the boundary and unaffected states. Presentations will be broadcasted over the internet to reach as large an audience possible.

Schedule of events:

Monday, August 10, Hallway outside Frick Room

5:30 – 7:00 PM: Early Registration

Tuesday, August 11, 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM, Frick Room

7:00 – 8:00: Registration

8:00 – 8:15: Welcome and Opening Remarks:
Calvin DuBrock, Pennsylvania Game Commission
Martin Miller, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

8:15 – 8:25: Facilitator Overview – Marci Caplis

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Presentations

- 8:25 – 9:00:** Jeremy Coleman – Status of WNS Investigation
- 9:00 – 9:20:** Anne Ballmann – Summary of Diagnostics from NWHC
- 9:20 – 9:40:** Scott Reynolds – Bats in New Hampshire: a Population Paradox
- 9:40 – 10:00:** Eric Britzke – Acoustics
- 10:00 – 10:20:** Hazel Barton – Decontamination through the lens of cave microbiology
- 10:20 – 10:40:** Break (with food)
- 10:40 – 11:00:** Joe Okoniewski – Where are the conidia?
- 11:00 – 11:20:** Thomas Hallam – Modeling and Management of WNS
- 11:20 – 11:50:** Q&A / General Discussion
- 11:50 – 1:00:** Lunch (coupons for hotel restaurants)
- 1:00 – 1:20:** Beth Buckles – Analysis of Wing Membranes and Fungal Load

Facilitated Discussions

- 1:20 – 1:30:** Overview of Task Groups and Breakout Groups – Structure, Function, and Assignments – Marci Caplis
- 1:30 – 5:00: Working Sessions for:**
1. Surveillance (Fall & Winter) – Marci Caplis (Facilitator), Frick Room.
Surveillance Presentation – Eric Britzke, Jeremy Coleman Notes: Robyn Niver
 2. Communication & Outreach (Session 1) – Diana Weaver, Laury Zicari, Oliver Room.
Notes: Noelle Rayman
- 2:40 – 3:00:** Break (food provided)
- 5:00:** End for the day. Dinner not provided.

*** Additional working sessions can be held in the evening.**

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Wednesday, August 12, 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM, Frick Room

7:30 – 8:00: Registration

8:00 – 9:00: Response Plans – Brooke Slack, KY & TN state plans,
Joe Caudell and LeAnn White, USFWS Region 3 plan

9:00 – 12:30: Working Sessions for:

1. Surveillance (Spring & Summer) – Marci Caplis (Facilitator), Frick Room.
SBDN/NEBWG database – Eric Britzke Notes: Janet Ertel
Question and answer regarding acoustics
Summer monitoring – Cal Butchkoski (TBD)
2. Communication & Outreach (Session 2) – Diana Weaver, Laury Zicari, Oliver Room.
Notes: Noelle Rayman

10:10 – 10:30: Break (food provided)

12:30 – 1:30: Lunch (coupons for hotel restaurants)

Facilitated Discussions

1:30 – 5:00: Working Sessions for:

1. Rehabilitation/Captive Propagation – Barb Douglas, Susi von Oettingen, Mick Valent,
Phipps Room. Notes: TBD
2. Chemical and Biological Control – Al Hicks, Frick Room. Notes: TBD
3. Bat Genetics – Tim King and Sybill Amelon, Oliver Room. Notes: TBD

2:40 – 3:00: Break (food provided)

5:00: Break for dinner (not provided).

Evening Session

7:00 – 8:00: Competitive SWG partners meeting – Lisa Williams, Joe Duchamp, room TBD.

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Thursday, August 13 – 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM, Frick Room

8:00 – 12:00: Present task group recommendations – Marci Caplis (Lead Facilitator)

8:00 – 8:30: Prep. time for task groups

8:30 – 9:00: Surveillance

9:00 – 9:30: Chemical and Biological Control

9:30 – 10:00: Rehabilitation/Captive Propagation

10:00 – 10:20: Break (with food)

10:20 – 10:50: Outreach/Communications

10:50 – 11:20: Bat Genetics

11:20 – 12:00: Meeting Wrap-up – TBD

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